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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day, Jr. et al. USPN 5,083,846 in view of Anderson USPN 6,640,997.

Day discloses a fuel dispenser comprising:

(Re claim 1) "a fuel dispensing cabinet" (16 figure 1). "a fuel flow system in said cabinet and connected to a source" (20,22 figure 1). "a computer display", "a computer operatively connected to said display", "electrical pump control circuitry", "power supply circuitry" (lines 42-60 col 1).

Day does not disclose these components being mounted in a removable module.

Anderson teaches the mounting of components to a front panel with defines a removable module.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Day to mount its components to a module like that taught by Anderson because it makes maintenance of components easier.

Claims 2-4,10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day as modified by Anderson as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of common knowledge as exemplified in Flannery et al. USPN 6,456,491.

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Day as modified by Anderson discloses the invention as claimed in claim 1.

Day as modified by Anderson does not disclose the module being slidably mounted as claimed in claim 2 and 10 nor does it disclose the electrical connection means in claims 3,4 and 10

Flannery teaches a slidably mounted module, an electrical connector on the rear of the module and an electrical connector at the rear of the recess the module mounts in.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the modular system used in Day as modified by Anderson to one that is slidably mounted and uses the electrical connectors as taught by Flannery because the system is easier to align and install.

Claim 5 and 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day as modified by Anderson and further modified by Flannery as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Bohnert et al. USPN 5,797,470.

Day as modified by Anderson and further modified by Flannery discloses the invention of claim 4 and 10 and "a plurality of said fuel dispensers" and "a card reader and receipt producing device".

Day as modified by Anderson does not disclose networking the dispensers to a site controller.

Bohnert teaches the networking of a plurality of fuel dispensers to a site controller.

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It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Day as modified by Anderson to be networked as taught by Bohnert because it reduces the need for redundant systems for each dispenser.

Claims 6,7,12,13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert as applied to claim 5 and 11 above, and further in view of Ramsey et al USPN 6,055,521.

Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert discloses the invention as claimed in claim 5.

Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert does not disclose the site controller with configuration information being located in one of the dispensers and the system being unattended.

Ramsey teaches a system designed to be an automated unattended system, and a control unit with configuration information, which could be located in a dispenser since the system is automated.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the arrangement of Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert to be an autonomous self contained system as taught by Ramsey because it reduces the foot print of the system and provides lower operating costs.

Claims 8,9,14-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert/Ramsey as applied to claims 7 and 13 above, and further in view of common knowledge as exemplified by Horn et al USPN 7,031,779.

Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert/Ramsey discloses the invention as claimed in claim 6 and 7, and that configuration information is stored in permanently installed flash memory.

Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert/Ramsey does not disclose that the configuration information could be on removable flash memory.

Horn teaches the use of removable memory one of which is flash to contain configuration information for a system.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Day/Anderson/Flannery/Bohnert/Ramsey to accept a removable form of flash memory to contain the control information as taught by Horn because it allows for fast upgrades of the control information.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. USPNs 6,529,800 and 5,596,501.

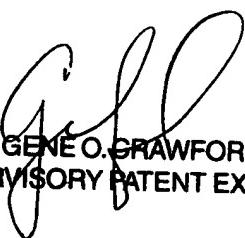
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy R. Waggoner whose telephone number is (571) 272-8204. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8am-2pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on (571) 272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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